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## 1. INTRODUCTION by Jack Moshman

## II. THE KLUDGE KAPERS

Jackson Granholm's first Kludge article in 1962, stimulated a stream of successors on other phases in the activities of the KKK, the Kludge Komputer Corporation, and its products.

Readers will see in the articles an attempt to evoke humor out of the frustrations in dealing with computers and their manufacturers. The selections reprinted here provide the general flavor of the Kludge Kapers.

"How to Design a Kludge," by Jackson W. Granholm

"The Master Plan for Kludge Software,"  
by Dr. Morris L. Morris & Dr. Austin O. Arthur

"How to Maintain a Kludge," by Auston O. Arthur

"How to Market a Kludge," by Oswald I. Orthmutt

## III. THE PROFESSIONAL'S CORNER

This part of the collection includes those selections which *may* have an arcane flavor to those not in the computing fraternity. Engineers will see the "Postal System Input Buffer Device" as a new member of a family they encountered in engineering school. "On Line . . . and Off" may be taken by some as a suggestive piece, rather than a burlesque. "Apiapt" may be questionable humor, but an editor can introduce personal prejudices. This editor believes "Apiapt" belongs; hence it appears.

"The Chaostron," by J. B. Cadwallader-Cohen,  
W. W. Zysiczk & R. R. Donnelly

"On Line . . . and Off," by Gomer Wheatley

"The Old Favorite, Apiapt a Christmstime  
Algorithm," by Christopher J. Shaw,  
with illustrations by Gene Holtan

"Docgen," by T. Tancer

"Postal System Input Buffer Device,"  
by Robertson Osborne

"Pessimum Programming," by R. Thogonal



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## IV. PASTICHES AND PARODIES

Stephan Potter may, or may not, wish to accept homage for his influence on Testmanship and Programship but the lineal dependence is as obvious as Babbage's Analytical Engine in a room full of third generation equipment. B. Conan Doyle's Holmes is in the tradition of A. Conan Doyle's Holmes and joins what an exhaustive statistical study may show to be the most imitated literary character. And who else but Mencken would believe that "these modern day, solid state bit manipulators . . . will *really* work?"

"A Guide to Testmanship," by R. W. Rector

"Programship"

"Mencken Reviews Automation"

"The Adventure of the Missing Bit,"  
by B. Conan Doyle

## V. SCIENCE — PURE AND ARTIFICIAL

This section contains a sampling of articles having "scientific" tone. Tennyson wrote of "the fairy tales of science" in *Lochsley Hall*, but could have hardly anticipated the out-pourings of pseudo-science and science-fiction that have become a hallmark of this decade. Each contribution in this section either deals with a scientific area, or was placed in this miscellany because it defied categorization otherwise. If you agree with me, go to the next page. If you wish to argue, some of the directions in "From Programmed Instruction: A Programmed Text" are applicable.

"Some Computer History, Randomly Accessed,"  
by Bill Williams

"From Programmed Instruction: A Programmed  
Text," by T. D. C. Kuch

"The Cliche Expert Discusses Computers"

"Crime in Real-Time," by Phineas Flackmire, Jr.

"The T-Formation," by T. D. C. Kuch

"Techniques in the Review of Technical  
Papers," by D. D. Bourland, Jr.

"Non-Decision Theory," by David Bourland, Jr.

"Bon Voyage — 1984 Style," by Ascher Opler

"The Flight to Tokyo — 1984 Style,"  
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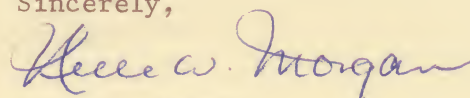
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